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SUBJECT: SYRIAN REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL
PROTOCOLS

1. MFA DEPT OF JUDICIAL AFFAIRS AND TREATIES DEPUTY DIRECTOR JUNEID CALLED ON EMBOFF JUNE 17 TO DELIVER NOTE TRANSLATED BELOW AND REQUEST FURTHER THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF PERIOD DURING WHICH SARG PERMITTED TO DECIDE WHETHER IT WISHED TO RATIFY TREATY. JUNEID SHOWED EMBOFF DOCUMENT DATED FEB 27, 1974 ENTITLED "INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL: PROTOCOLS FOR EXTENSION OF WHEAT TRADE CONVENTION AND FOOD AID CONVENTION CONSTITUTING THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT OF 1971." JUNEID STATED THAT AGREEMENT WAS PRESENTLY AT PRESIDENCY AWAITING FINAL DECISION.

2. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF SARG MFA NOTE NO.

A/26 (8/6/27/10782) DATED JUNE 16, 1975:

"MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS COMPLIMENTS TO EMBASSY OF U.S.A AND HAS HONOR TO CALL ITS ATTENTION TO ISSUANCE OF DECREE NO. 309 DATED MAY 29, 1975, WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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APPROVES SYRIAN ADHERENCE TO THE PROTOCOL PERTAINING

TO EXTENDING THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT TRADE AGREEMENT AS FROM 1974. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE SAID PROTOCOL AND THE DIRECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL, THE DEADLINE FOR DEPOSITING DOCUMENT OF ADHERENCE IS JUNE 30, 1975, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE TO GET A LICENSE FOR PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FO PROTOCOL OR APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL DELAY IN WHICH TO DEPOSIT DOCUMENT OF ADHERENCE AT INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL (PERMANENT OFFICES IN LONDON).

"SINCE U.S. IS CONSIDERED A DEPOSITORY STATE WITH RESPECT TO THIS PROTOCOL, AND IN VIEW OF IMPOSSIBILITY OF DEPOSITING DOCUMENT OF ADHERENCE DURING THIS PERIOD BECAUSE OF THE SHORTNESS OF TIME, SYRIAN GOVERNMENT DECLARES ACCEPTANCE BY SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION OF PROTOCOL AND REQUESTS THAT U.S. COMMUNICATE WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO EXTEND DELAY IN DEPOSITING ADHERENCE DOCUMENT ANOTHER THREE MONTHS AS FROM DATE OF EXPIRY OF PREVIOUS PERIOD IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THESE PROCEDURES."

3. ACCORDING TO DOCUMENT JUNEID SHOWED EMBOFF, IT IS NECESSARY FOR SYRIA TO INFORM U.S. OF ITS REQUEST FOR DELAY BY JUNE 18, 1975.
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